Claims:

1. A container handling apparatus or cradle, including main frame adapted to be moved laterally from one side of a container and over said container, means to raise and lower said main frame to raise and lower a container suspended therefrom, means to engage the top and/or bottom of said container to attach said container to said frame.

2. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein means are provided to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around.

3. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the means to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around are ground engaging wheels forming part of said apparatus or cradle.

4. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said apparatus or cradle includes means for engagement by the tines of a fork lift truck to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around.

5. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein wheels forming part of said apparatus or cradle are provided to move it around, and wherein said apparatus or cradle also includes means for engagement by the tines of a fork lift truck to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around.

6. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 3 or 5, wherein said wheels are carried by said means to raise and lower said main frame.

7. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein said means to raise and lower said main frame are rams carried by said main frame.

8. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the means to raise and lower said main frame at least on one side of said apparatus or cradle are mounted on means coupled to said apparatus or cradle to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved relative thereto, and means are provided to allow said relative movement.

9. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in any one of the preceding claims when dependent on 3, wherein said wheels are self-propelled.

10. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 9, wherein an operator controlled steering mechanism is provided for said wheels to steer the apparatus of cradle during its manoeuvres.

11. A container handling apparatus or cradle substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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